

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable camera controller comprising:
 - a flash memory comprising an infrared (IR) command library, wherein the IR command library comprises at least one IR command associated with a remotely controllable imaging devices (RCIDs);
 - a processor for receiving the IR command library from the flash memory and directing the IR command library to an IR encoder;
 - an IR emitter connected to the IR encoder for transmitting the IR command library, wherein receipt of the IR command associated with the RCID by that RCID interferes with the recording of a visual image by that RCID.
2. The portable camera controller of claim 1, wherein the at least one IR command associated with the RCID is selected from the group consisting of a stop command, a pause command, and a rewind command.
3. The portable camera controller of claim 1, wherein the RCID is a remotely controllable video camera selected from the group consisting of a video camera using tape storage, a video camera using disk storage, a video camera using electronic storage, and a video camera using optical storage.
4. The portable camera controller of claim 1 further comprising a timer connected to the processor and wherein the processor is adapted to respond to a timing pulse from the timer by retrieving and transmitting the IR command library.
5. The portable camera controller of claim 4, wherein the timer is adapted to send the timing pulse periodically to the processor.
6. A portable camera controller comprising:
 - a flash memory comprising an infrared (IR) command library, wherein the IR command library comprises at least one IR command associated with a remotely controllable imaging devices (RCIDs);
 - a processor for receiving the IR command library from the flash memory and directing the IR command library to an IR encoder; and

an IR emitter connected to the IR encoder for transmitting the IR command library, wherein receipt of the at least one IR command associated with the RCID by the RCID interferes with the recording of a visual image by the RCID.

7. The portable camera controller of claim 6, wherein the IR command associated with the RCID is selected from the group consisting of a stop command, a pause command, and a rewind command.

8. The portable camera controller of claim 6, wherein the RCID is a remotely controllable video camera selected from the group consisting of a video camera using tape storage, a video camera using disk storage, a video camera using electronic storage, and a video camera using optical storage.

9. The portable camera controller of claim 6, wherein the IR emitter is arranged so as to transmit the IR command library omnidirectionally.

10. A method for thwarting the recording of a visual image using a portable camera controller, the method comprising:

generating a timing pulse;

in response to the timing pulse, retrieving an IR command library, wherein the IR command library comprises an IR command associated with a remotely controllable imaging device (RCID);

transmitting the IR command library from an IR emitter, wherein receipt of the IR command associated with the RCID by the RCID interferes with the recording of a visual image by the RCID.

11. The method for thwarting the recording of a visual image using a portable camera controller of claim 10, wherein the IR command associated with the RCID is selected from the group consisting of a stop command, a pause command, and a rewind command.

12. The method for thwarting the recording of a visual image using a portable camera controller of claim 10, wherein the RCID is a remotely controllable video camera selected from the group consisting of a video camera using tape storage, a video camera using disk storage, a video camera using electronic storage, and a video camera using optical storage.

13. The method for thwarting the recording of a visual image using a portable camera controller of claim 10, wherein generating a timing pulse comprises generating a timing pulse periodically.